

northern Ohio, and southern Michigan. Its outstanding staff members and numerous volunteers work tirelessly to protect and manage this land, and we are truly grateful for the organization's conservation efforts.

The recipient of the Education Award is Dunes Learning Center, which is committed to its mission "to inspire lasting curiosity and stewardship with nature." The center offers standards-based, year-round environmental education programs to all ages. This is a truly unique and important educational platform for the youth of our community, and we are thankful for the opportunities that are provided by Dunes Learning Center.

Bill Hanna, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA), is this year's recipient of the Economic Development Award. The RDA works to unite community leaders with the purpose of bringing about positive transformation to Northwest Indiana through collaborative development projects. Bill has been instrumental in the effort to gain critical support for the South Shore Line's West Lake Extension and Double Track projects. These projects, once constructed, have the potential to fundamentally transform the economy of Northwest Indiana as well as significantly contribute to economic growth throughout the state.

Northwest Indiana Information and Security Sharing Alliance (NISSA) is the recipient of the Public Safety Award. NISSA brings together disaster resources in order to help the people of Northwest Indiana in times of emergency. All aspects of crisis management are brought together in one area, making the response faster and more efficient. For its innovative and important public safety support for our communities, NISSA is to be highly commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commending these remarkable leaders, innovators, and organizations. For their outstanding contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana, and their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents, each recipient is worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF BIGLERVILLE IN ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my sincere congratulations to the residents of the Borough of Biglerville on its 200th Anniversary.

This community began as Middletown in 1817 and didn't see formal development of the land until 1843. Around 1883, a local farmer decided to plant acres of apple trees, and soon after train service was established and the community began to grow. Middletown was renamed Biglerville in 1903, after Colonel William Bigler, the 12th Governor of Pennsylvania.

Today, Biglerville is a lovely town with a great sense of community. Appropriately, it's home to the National Apple Museum, which

promotes the history of the apple and fruit industry and its economic importance to this region. Biglerville is also home to many civic minded citizens who devote their time and efforts to make their community a great place in which to live and work.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I congratulate the residents of the Borough of Biglerville on their 200th Anniversary, and wish them continued great success in the years to come.

HONORING LITTLETON CITY COUNCILMAN FOR DISTRICT I BILL HOPPING

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude for Littleton City Councilman for District I Bill Hopping for his extraordinary work and dedication to the City of Littleton. His leadership on the Littleton City Council has contributed to many of the city's successful growth and conservation efforts.

Since his appointment and subsequent election in 2015, Councilman Hopping has faithfully and dutifully served the City of Littleton in every way possible. Councilman Hopping provided his expertise and guidance as a small business owner to help promote increased economic growth and development as the City Council Liaison to the Littleton Invests for Tomorrow Board.

In addition to his official role as a Littleton City Council Member, Councilman Hopping served as a prominent member of the Bow Mar South Homeowners Association, the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants, and as the chair of the Historical Preservation Board. Councilman Hopping has not only been dedicated to the future of the City of Littleton, he also embraces the rich history of this great community.

Mr. Speaker, a great nation cannot exist without great public servants, and I believe that Councilman Hopping is among the very best. I wish Councilman Hopping the best of luck in his future endeavors, of which I know he will have great success.

HONORING KENTUCKY GOLD STAR FAMILIES

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all Gold Star family members who have lost a loved one in the Global War on Terrorism. I want to pay special honor to the families of the 120 Kentuckians who have given their lives in protecting our nation.

Petty Officer First Class Edward T. Earhart, USN, was the first Kentuckian killed when he lost his life during the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. The last Kentuckian killed was Captain Matthew D. Roland, USAF, who lost his life in Afghanistan on August 26, 2015. Six of these brave heroes' final resting place is in Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Mark and Barbara Roland, parents of Captain Roland, were inspired to place a Gold Star Family Monument at Camp Nelson. They formed a grassroots committee, who then worked to raise the necessary funds and complete the project. This monument represents the sacrifice of the service members who were lost but also the sacrifice and loss felt by all their family members. The inscription on the monument reads, "Dedicated to the families left to remember and honor the sacrifice of their loved ones in the service and cause of freedom to a grateful nation."

Through this monument, may we forever be reminded of these brave heroes and their families. Their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

It is my honor to recognize our brave Kentucky heroes and their families before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE SARAH FOUNDATION ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to extend my deepest thanks and heartfelt congratulations to the SARAH Foundation of Guilford, Connecticut as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this very special organization.

Families with loved ones with developmental disabilities have always struggled to find the appropriate care. Indeed, throughout much of our history, there were little to no resources to address their needs. In the 1950s, families had only two choices—remain at home without support or services, often isolating both the caregivers and their loved ones, or send their loved one to an institution, often far from home and thus isolating those with disabilities from their families and communities.

Recognizing this struggle and understanding the challenges families were facing, Dan and Eleanor Reinhardtsen, Reeves and Dorothy Spencer, and William and Regina McNeil, pooled their resources to establish a school for children with intellectual disabilities—and SARAH was born. The Reinhardtsens, Spencers, and McNeils, along with other shoreline families, worked diligently to raise funds for teachers, transportation and speech therapists. They moved from borrowed space in a church basement to a schoolhouse in North Guilford, the programs and services offered at SARAH met the academic and social needs of its students until the introduction of special education legislation providing for inclusion of children of all abilities in school districts.

With education needs being met by school districts, there came a new mission for SARAH and they refocused their efforts to expand their services to include vocational training, job placement, and independent living to ease the transition from school to life in the community. The Apple Doll Tea House, the first food service training program for people with disabilities in the nation, opened its doors in Guilford in 1973. Along with the Tea House, the Apple Farm Bakery, Greenhouse horticulture program, and others provided choices